

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 34 – SB 1332

February 23, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires a pharmacist or pharmacy, before dispensing or delivering a Schedule II substance, to obtain from the recipient: a copy of a valid government-issued identification, the name, home address, telephone number, fingerprint, and relationship to the patient. Further requires a pharmacist or pharmacy to electronically scan and store such fingerprints for a period of at least two years along with such identification information. All such information is required to be kept confidential. The Board of Pharmacy is required to set rules and regulations to effectuate this act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Department of Health, the Board of Pharmacy can handle any required rule-making during regularly scheduled meetings.
- Any increase in investigations or disciplinary actions against a licensee will not result in a significant increase in Board expenditures.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-3-1011, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board had closing balances of \$553,901 in FY10-11, \$85,209 in FY11-12, and a closing reserve balance of \$929,407 on June 30, 2012.
- Any state-owned, state-managed, or state-contracted pharmacy may experience an increase in expenditures associated with the purchase of fingerprint-scanning equipment and an information database; however, any increase in expenditures is estimated to be not significant.
- The proposed legislation will have no impact on the reimbursement of pharmacy claims by the TennCare program.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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